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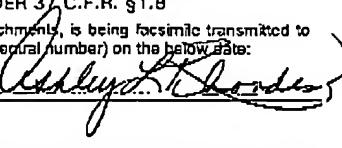
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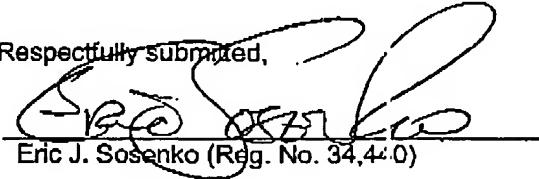
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Sir:

In that the Decision granting the Request to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment was issued on October 5, 2004, please advise as to when Applicant may expect to receive an Office Action in the above-identified application.

Respectfully submitted,


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